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## Overview:

Critical zone (CZ) scientists from 16 bio- and geoscience disciplines are at the front line of efforts to effectively compile and use the "dark data in the long tail" of Earth science and integrate it with the "Big Data". As such, many see the CZ data effort as a pilot for the EarthCube endeavor. This proposal is motivated by strong and nearly unanimous cyber-needs expressed at a CZ-EarthCube workshop in Jan. 2013 (Award #1332257). Our overall goal is to co-develop with the critical zone science community a high-performance web-based integration and visualization environment for joint analysis of cross-scale bio and geo processes in the critical zone (BiG CZ), spanning experimental and observational designs.

Project Objectives and Deliverables are to: (1) Engage the critical zone and broader communities to co-develop the BiG CZ software stack to meet their specific needs through a CZ community advisory committee and a series of two co-design workshops, four training & testing workshops, one CZ science synthesis institute and one workshop for citizen scientists and resource managers; (2) Develop the BiG CZ Portal web app for high-performance map-based discovery, visualization, access and publication of data on critical zone structure and function; (3) Develop the BiG CZ Portal web app for high-performance map-based discovery, visualization, access and publication of data on critical zone structure and function; (3) Develop the BiG CZ Contral software stack as the backend for Portal and Toolbox functionality for single query discovery and access to data systems developed for multiple bio- and geo-science domains, including CUAHSI Hydrologic Information System (HIS), Integrated Earth Data Applications (IEDA), the System for Earth Sample Registration (SESAR), DOE's System Biology Knowledgebase (KBase), Ecoinformatics MetCat holdings including all Long Term Environmental Research (LTER) data, DataOne, OpenTopogaphy, and others.

#### Intellectual Merit :

The CZ science community has identified that the central scientific challenge of the critical zone science community is to develop a grand unifying theory of the critical zone through a theory-model-data fusion approach to answer: (1) how do tectonics, lithology, climate and biology co-determine the evolution of critical zone structure and function?; (2) What are the drivers of energy and material fluxes (i.e. water, sediment, carbon, nutrients, solutes, etc) moving through the critical zone?; (3) How will critical zone structure, function and evolution respond to human and natural disturbances and over various time and spatial scales? CZ-EarthCube participants also unanimously envisioned -- independently in each breakout group -- that software similar to what we propose would enable such transformative understanding.

We will develop the BiG CZ software system upon widely-used, high performance, open source, multi-platform software components. We believe that an engaging user interface with very fast response times is a fundamental requirement for user satisfaction and therefore software sustainability.

#### Broader Impacts :

We believe that a key aspect of increasing the computational capabilities of the CZ community requires increasing the computational skills of the CZ community. We will partner with the Software Carpentry project to teach 80 early-career Earth and environmental scientists computational science skills through four Bootcamps and one CZ Science Synthesis Institute, which will serve the dual purpose of testing and evaluating the BiG CZ system.

From our previous experience with the Model My Watershed project (Award #0929763), we believe that the BiG CZ Portal can hold exceptional value toward engaging resource managers, citizen scientists and even secondary school teachers and students. We will thus hold a workshop for resource managers and citizen scientists to introduce them to the deliverables outlined above and to solicit feedback on the usability of those tools to meet their needs. We will also develop curricular materials around the portal designed specifically for secondary teachers to assist them to integrate research data into their classrooms.

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#### C. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

#### C.1. Scientific Motivation and Software Needs

#### C.1.1. Needs of Critical Zone Science Community

The Critical Zone (CZ) scientist community takes as their charge the effort to integrate theory, models and data from the multitude of disciplines collectively studying processes on the Earth's surface. The Critical Zone is Earth's permeable near-surface layer – from the atmosphere at the vegetation's canopy to the lower boundary of actively circulating groundwaters. The Critical Zone was a term coined by the National Research Council's *Basic Research Opportunities in the Earth Sciences (BROES)* Report (2001) to highlight the imperative for a new approach to massively multi-disciplinary research on the zone of the Earth's surface that is critical to sustaining terrestrial life on our planet. The National Science Foundation responded to that call by launching the national Critical Zone Observatory (CZO) program in 2007 (http://criticalzone.org/), which stimulated the development of an international network of CZOs (http://www.czen.org/). Today the term, concept and approach of "critical zone" science has firmly taken hold in the broad geoscience community, with several CZ sessions at each of the major annual geoscience meetings.

Critical zone scientists – from 16 bio- and geoscience disciplines – are at the front line of efforts to effectively compile and use the "dark data in the long tail" of Earth science (Heidorn 2009) and integrate that data with the "Big Data" produced by hydrologists, atmospheric scientists, geospatial modelers and molecular biologists. The CZ community has begun the process of building a shared community data system with the recent "*Integrated Data Management System for Critical Zone Observatories*" project (CZOData, NSF Award #<u>1332257</u>, with all PI/coPIs also participating in this BiG CZ SSI proposal), and many see the CZ data effort as a pilot for the EarthCube endeavor (<u>http://earthcube.ning.com</u>).

In January 2013, 103 members of the CZ community met for the CZ-EarthCube Domain Workshop to prioritize the CZ community's key science drivers, key cyber challenges and key cyber needs (NSF Award #1252238, http://criticalzone.org/national/events/event/2013-01-21-earthcubeczo-workshop/, CZ-EarthCube workshop Executive Summary Draft). Their response was strong and nearly unanimous. They identified that the central scientific challenge of the critical zone science community is to develop a "grand unifying theory" of the critical zone through a theory-model-data fusion approach to answer: (1) how do tectonics, lithology, climate and biology co-determine the evolution of critical zone structure and function?; (2) What are the drivers of energy and material fluxes (i.e. water, sediment, carbon, nutrients, solutes, etc) moving through the critical zone?; (3) How will critical zone structure, function and evolution respond to human and natural disturbances and over various time and spatial scales? Workshop participants also unanimously envisioned -independently in each breakout group -- that a key need to enable such transformative understanding was a future cyberinfrastructure for seamless 4D visual exploration of the knowledge (data, model outputs and interpolations) from all the bio and geoscience disciplines relevant to critical zone structure and function, similar to today's ability to easily explore historical satellite imagery and photographs of the earth's surface using Google Earth.

Although map-based data discovery portals do exist for some geoscience domains, none come close to serving as a "one-stop-shop" for datasets from the breadth of disciplines and multitude of data providers needed by CZ scientists. Furthermore, for many of the most important CZ dataset types -- such as soil geochemistry or near surface geophysics -- no national repository exists to even catalog datafiles, let alone integrate granularly at data field and data value levels. In other cases, such as for microbiology or molecular biology, highly-developed cyberinfrastructures exist, but those databases do not have a means to connect that data to environmental settings through precise sampling location and time or to their geochemical and mineralogical matrix. Therefore, the CZ community needs a top-to-bottom software stack that provides an extremely powerful yet easy-to-

use web user interface as a client to a high-performance back-end that enables interoperability of data search, access and publication across a variety of bioscience and geoscience domains, across a large range of spatial and temporal scales, and across observational and experimental designs.

#### C.1.2. Vision for the Proposed BiG CZ Software System

Our **Overall Goal** is to co-develop with the critical zone science community a web-based integration and visualization environment for joint analysis of cross-scale bio and geoscience processes in the critical zone (BiG CZ), spanning experimental and observational designs. This BiG CZ software stack would consist of the BiG CZ Portal web application, the BiG CZ Toolbox, and the BiG CZ Central software infrastructure that together enable interoperability for cross-scale multi-modal discovery, visualization, access, and publication of data through a simple yet powerful user interface and open APIs. Developing such a cyberinfrastructure would not only meet pressing multi-disciplinary science needs, but will also present interesting yet achievable software challenges to bridge the barriers that currently exist between science domains, large ranges in spatial and temporal scales and observational versus experimental

We organize our efforts toward our overall goal through four Project Objectives:

**Objective 1. Engage the CZ and broader community to co-develop** and deploy the BiG CZ software stack to meet their specific needs through a CZ community advisory committee and a series of co-design and training & testing workshops.

**Objective 2. Develop the BiG CZ Portal web application** for intuitive, high-performance mapbased discovery, visualization, access and publication of data on critical zone structure and function by scientists, resource managers, citizen-science volunteers, and the general public.

**Objective 3. Develop the BiG CZ Toolbox** to enable cyber-savy CZ scientists to directly access BiG CZ APIs to search, access, manage and publish data using a turnkey open-source scripting and database package.

**Objective 4. Develop the BiG CZ Central software stack** to bridge data systems developed for multiple critical zone domains into a single metadata catalog for single query search, visualization and access from the Portal web app or using more powerful APIs, and to serve as a public repository for data published via the Toolbox or via web forms.

We will develop all of the proposed software on public repositories as a modular suite of fully open source software projects, building upon widely used existing free and open source software (FOSS). As such, all of our software components could be adapted or forked to serve other uses or projects, on any operating system. However, we will focus our efforts on developing a single Portal web application and Central software stack on an Openstack cloud in order to maximize search, access and visualization performance. The Toolbox will, on the other hand, be an easy-to-install, multi-platform (Windows, Mac OSX, Linux) package for local data management prior to publishing to the Central repositories and for local access to Central search, access and visualization functionality through Application Programming Interfaces (APIs).

The entire BiG CZ Software system will be built around a new information model that our team is currently designing with the NSF-funded project "*Developing a Community Information Model and Supporting Software to Extend Interoperability of Sensor and Sample Based Earth Observations*" project (Award #1224638, with all PI/coPIs also in the BiG CZ SSI). This new information model, which we call **Observations Data Model Version 2.0** (ODM2), builds upon the extensive experiences from the CUAHSI Hydrologic Information Systems (HIS) and their ODM 1.1 (Horsburgh et al. 2008), the Integrated Earth Data Applications (IEDA) databases such as SedDB, PetDB and EarthChem (Lehnert et al. 2000), the Integrated Ocean Observing System's (IOOS) NANOOS Visualization System (NVS) (Mayorga et al. 2010), and the recent efforts of the "*Integrated Data Management System for Critical Zone Observatories*" (CZOData) project (NSF Award #1332257, Zaslavsky et al. 2011). In short, we are applying lessons learned from these diverse experiences to design ODM2 to enable fully granular integration of data and rich-metadata from sensor-based and sample-based observations of numerical and categorical data types at sampling point locations, along sampling curves (1D profiles and transects), along sampling surfaces (2D coverages) and within sampling volumes (3D). ODM2 profile of Open Geospatial Consortium's Observations and

Measurements (OGC O&M) standard will have broad applicability to information exchange with central data systems such as those used by DataOne and the Ecoinformatics.org community. From concept to several working prototypes, the ODM2 will include encodings for metadata catalogs, relational database management systems, and for dataset archival functions. The ODM2 project is a third of its way through a 2 year timeline (Aug. 2012 to Jul. 2014), has held its first community engagement workshop, and is beginning prototype development now. We propose for the BiG CZ SSI is that ODM2 prototypes implementations become sustainable, enterprise class software that would form the backend foundation for CZO and other communities. We will develop into the BiG CZ Portal, Toolbox and Central software stacks to provide a standards-based cross-domain interoperability functionality, and user interfaces that address the needs of the CZO community.

Our vision for integrating successful, existing software elements into a new, sustainable framework that addresses clearly articulated needs of the CZ research community aligns well with NSF's vision of a Cyberinfrastructure Framework for 21st Century Science and Engineering (NSF CIF21, 2012).

#### C.1.3. Project Deliverables

Our vision can be stated as a number of **Project Deliverables** for each Objective:

#### **Objective 1 Deliverables: Community Engagement in Software Design.**

- **CZ Community Advisory Board** (CZCAB), to advise feature development priorities, provide feedback on releases, recruit workshop participants and promote the BiG CZ software system.
- **Co-design workshops**, two in year 1, to prioritize requested functionality and give specific feedback on our detailed plans and mockups for the BiG CZ software stack.
- 3-day BootCamp Training & Testing workshops, four total in years 2-4 for 20 attendees each, both to elevate the overall computational capabilities of CZ scientists while teaching them to be power users of the BiG CZ system (Portal, Toolbox, APIs), and also to provide feedback on usability and desired new features. Modeled after Software Carpentry hands-on bootcamps (<u>http://software-carpentry.org/bootcamps/</u>), the BiG CZ will include a 3rd day focused on the BiG CZ usage. We will target students, postdocs, and early-career investigators.
- **Citizen-science & Resource Manager workshop**, one in late year 3, to evaluate the value of our integrated earth surface data and visualization system to professionals and volunteers who manage and monitor natural resources.
- 7-day CZ Science Synthesis Institute, one in early in year 4 and immediately after a 3-day BootCamp. A cohort of 14-16 BootCamp graduates will be mentored by 3-6 senior CZ investigators and 3-6 project team members to utilize their newly developed skills with the BiG CZ software system address 2-3 high-priority synthesis objectives identified through the earlier community engagement. This institute is based on the very successful model developed in NSF's exploratory Hydrologic Synthesis program (Thompson et al., 2012), and will serve as the ultimate "Training and Testing" evaluation of the BiG CZ software system.

**Objective 2 Deliverables: The BiG CZ Portal web application** for high-performance map-based discovery, visualization, access and publication of data on critical zone structure and function.

- The BiG CZ Portal web application client to the BiG CZ Central system would enable a user to zoom to any location in the continuous USA (i.e. lower 48) to search, view, filter, select and download heterogeneous datasets, including:
  - Points with sensor and sample based observational data, with pop-ups showing 2D data series displays (i.e. time series or depth profiles) and metadata. This functionality will be based on the software behind the NANOOS Visualization System (NVS, <u>http://nvs.nanoos.org</u>);
  - 2D satellite and GIS imagery from many different agencies and sources. This functionality will be based on GeoTrellis ((<u>http://www.azavea.com/products/geotrellis/</u>), which forms the foundation of Model My Watershed (<u>http://app.wikiwatershed.org/stroud/guest</u>);

- 2D and 3D interactive visualization of select datasets, such as geophysical "fenceline" images of subsurface structure, topography (i.e. similar to Google Earth) or canopy structure from LiDAR point clouds. Interactive visualization functionalities will be based on a number of open source libraries, such as the Cesium WebGL Vitual Globe and Map Engine javascript library (<u>http://cesium.agi.com/</u>), VisIt (<u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/VisIt</u> and <u>https://wci.llnl.gov/codes/visit/home.html</u>), and the Data Driven Document javascript library (<u>http://d3js.org/</u>).
- **Map views will be filterable** by a time period, variable, medium, data provider, data creators (authors) and a large number of other parameters.
  - A suite of data publication/registration forms will be integrated into the BiG CZ Portal web app, to assist "long tail" scientists to tag, publish and share their "dark data". These forms will:
    - be readily accessible from the map-based discovery & visualization system through various buttons and quick-links;
    - allow users to map file-level and field-level metadata to the BiG CZ shared vocabulary system;
    - accept a wide variety of file types, including CSV, tab-delimited and other text files, MS Excel workbooks, GIS files and many other file types;
    - publish to one of our many partnering data repositories (i.e. IEDA, CUAHSI, KBase) or the BiG CZ Central ODM2 database selected through guided user choice (see Obj. 4, BiG CZ Central).

**Objective 3 Deliverables: The BiG CZ Toolbox** to enable cyber-savvy CZ scientists and data managers to manage and publish the data they produce through a single scientist focused toolkit. The BiG CZ Toolbox will incorporate access multiple BiG CZ APIs from a single package for searching, accessing, transforming and analyzing heterogeneous data using readily deployed open-source scripting and database packages, and to load cross-discipline data into the BiG CZ infrastructure. Training and Testing workshops/bootcamps (Obj. 1) will focus on using the BiG CZ Toolbox. The BiG CZ Toolbox includes two main capabilities:

- **Facilitation of local data management** and publication to data repositories via Big CZ Central. Components will include:
  - A ready-to-use cross-platform relational database schema based on ODM2 implemented in PostgreSQL, to facilitate local data management of both sensor and sample based datasets. This database will build on the capabilities of ODM 1.1, which are focused on site-based time series for particular variables. ODM2 information model is being designed to address results associated with a variety of experimental protocols, such as specimen-based laboratory experiments; observations from sensor arrays, moving sensors, and ex situ sample analyses; and tracking of observation result provenance through processing chains.
  - ODM Tools 2.0, a cross-platform update to ODM Tools for managing sensor networks and their data (<u>http://his.cuahsi.org/odmtools.html</u>), using the ODM2 information model. ODM Tools 2.0 will be a set of Python modules designed to function out of the box with a local ODM2 database or configurable to work with a number of other information repositories.
  - Streaming sensor middleware, possibly based on Data Turbine (<u>http://www.dataturbine.org/</u>) or the CUAHSI HIS Streaming Data Loader, configured out of the box to load data from a stream into a local ODM2 database or configurable to work with a number of other data systems.
  - Web service interfaces for publishing near real-time or historical data to BiG CZ Central. Project tools will facilitate service deployment associated with ODM2 databases, with flexibility for mapping to other data models. We anticipate using recently developing functionality, such as WebSockets (Fette, 2011) or CoAP (Shelby et al, 2012, Dingee, 2013) to address real time performance requirements. We will expand the "Water One Flow in Python" library (WOFpy, <u>http://pythonhosted.org/WOFpy/</u>) and prototype OGC SOS service implementations.

- A publication coordination tool to maintain common identifiers and spatial-temporal registration when publishing genomic and environmental data to appropriate repositories (KBase and ODM2-related repositories, respectively).
- API for direct access to BiG CZ Central to programmatically search, ingest, transform and analyze heterogeneous data using the powerful, widely-used Python language and computing environment. Components will include:
  - Web services interfaces for searching and fetching data from BiG CZ Central and associated catalogs for local, programmatic and interactive analysis. This capability will build on existing Python libraries for web-service based data access (OWSLib, ulmo, pyoos), prototype implementations being developed for ODM2, and data access and parsers for KBase that use the new, "MG-RAST" REST API currently under development. These data services will be wrapped into a more consistent object presentation for easier use, relying on core Python scientific libraries for data handling and efficient local storage and transformation (NumPy, SciPy, Pandas, PyTables).
  - Consistent data exploration and visualization capabilities based on Python-based or enabled scientific libraries, including matplotlib, Pandas and Vislt.

**Objective 4 Deliverables: The BiG CZ Central software stack** to bridge data systems developed for multiple critical zone domains using linked data principles (Berners-Lee, 2007; Heath and Bizer, 2011) BiG CZ Central would provide capabilities to:

- Register and catalog data-series level metadata from domain-specific data services for sensorand sample-based Earth observation data managed in ODM2 information model, and other information models adopted by the community. Our data repository partners will include:
  - CUAHSI Hydrologic Information System (HIS, <u>http://his.cuahsi.org/</u>) and it's daughter systems, such as HydroShare (<u>http://www.cuahsi.org/HydroShare.aspx</u>), which have already integrated hyrological and meteorological data from dozens of federal and state agencies and hundreds of academic projects.
  - Integrated Earth Data Applications (IEDA, <u>http://www.iedadata.org/</u>) and its many catalogs, such as the EarthChem data repository (<u>http://www.earthchem.org/</u>) and the System for Earth Sample Registration (SESAR, <u>http://www.geosamples.org/</u>).
  - DOE's System Biology Knowledgebase (KBase, <u>http://kbase.science.energy.gov/</u>), which is a large, emerging software and data environment bridging molecular and systems biology of microbes, plants, and their communities.
  - OpenTopogaphy (<u>http://www.opentopography.org/</u>) is a repository and access point for LIDAR data.
  - U.S. and State Geological Surveys through U. S. Geoscience Information Network (USGIN, <u>http://usgin.org</u>)
- Develop a BiG CZ data repository to collect and integrate datasets at multiple spatial and temporal granularities for the CZ community, along with sensor and sample management information that is not presently captured along with datasets by any data repository that we know of. This data repository will be built on a scalable architecture for high performance to support the mapping and visualization capabilities of BiG CZ Portal.
- Develop web services for observation data based on the ODM2 information model.
- Provide a web-service interface to provide single stream/query access to data from multiple, different data systems using controlled vocabularies from ODM2, and mappings to vocabularies for other systems that BiG CZ community adopts for clients such as BiG CZ Portal and others.

#### C.1.4. Comparison of BiG CZ Software to Existing Software.

We present within our deliverables the software elements that we are likely to integrate into the BiG CZ software system. We selected these software component candidates based on criteria that each is:

- Free and Open Source Software, released with a relatively permissive Berkeley Software Distribution (BSD) or GNU General Public License (GPL) styled licenses (see the software sustainability section);
- Highly performant and scalable with parallel cloud computing, in order to deliver sub-second response times on large datasets;
- Cross-platform deployable in tightly integrated fashion with other software components using Python bindings;
- Software with which our team has prior development experience.

We believe that very fast response times within user interfaces (UI) are a fundamental requirement for user satisfaction and therefore software sustainability. Achieving this will likely require BiG CZ Portal software and BiG CZ Central software, catalogs and data repositories to be nearly all co-located in a common infrastructure. We have selected the open-source Python programming language as a common binding for software components (many of which are written in C++ or Java), particularly those involving data and metadata flows, because Python is flexible, easy to learn, easy to use, and has powerful, high-performance libraries for data manipulation and analysis that are being increasingly used by scientists.

There are a number of other software packages that deal with integration and visualization, but do not meet our requirements. Other data integration software include iRODS, MetaCat, and DataOne API, but these are primarily document management systems that would not sufficiently support granular data-field and data-value level integration across bio-geo boundaries. Other data visualization software include ESRI ArcMap and ArcScene, Google Earth Engine, Microsoft Layerscape, but none of these are open source and thus not adaptable. The Unidata & UNAVCO Integrated Data Viewer (IDV) is one open source visualization library that we may explore further, although it is unclear whether it can be readily adapted as a component of our BiG CZ Portal web application. CUAHSI's HydroDesktop and IEDA's GeoMapApp both provide map-based data discovery web pages exist, such as Delaware Environmental Observing System (DEOS), but most are deployed upon the Google Maps API, which is not open source and severely limits adaptability, and few provide as capable a user interface as NVS or integrate GIS data with point observation data. Wunderground.org WunderMaps is an exception, but it only provides weather data and primarily from citizen-science sources (i.e., limited federal data).

Although these and other potential components exist, none are presently integrated into seamless workflows that enable researchers to focus on science. Our plan is to build on the best available existing packages to implement the unique requirements of Critical Zone science, including integration of diverse bioscience and geoscience information models, observation scales and granularity, and visualization capabilities in 3-D and 4-D.

Proposed BiG CZ software functionality that is not currently available includes:

- Services using Azavea GeoTrellis geoprocessing capabilities, demonstrated by the Model My Watershed application, to perform grid-based data-integration and display processing on the fly at lightning speed.
- Integration of existing catalog service functionality for dataset and data series discovery and transfer with Observation Data Model (Versions 1 and 2), WaterML (Versions 1.1 and 2), and OGC Sensor Observation Service (SOS) based query and data access services for visualization and data acquisition.
- Seamless data acquisition and loading into users' native software environments like ArcGIS, R, Matlab, Excel, and Python (using the core scientific packages, NumPy, SciPy, and Pandas).
- Deployable BiG CZ Toolbox as easy-to-install virtual environments for various operating systems (likely based on the customizable Anaconda Python distribution) and virtual machine images for various host environments (Virtual Box, VMware, Microsoft HyperV).

#### C.2. Research and Development Plan

#### C.2.1. Project Team

The core of the BiG CZ SSI team includes the same investigators driving critical zone data integration efforts through the CZOData project (Award #1332257), the ODM2 project (Award #1224638), and the CZ-EarthCube Domain Workshop (Award #1252238). This core team has been joined by additional bioscience and geoscience investigators and software developers to expand on the team's extensive experience in community building, software development, and distributed system architecture. Team members and their roles are described in detail in the supplementary Management and Coordination Plan.

**Aufdenkampe** (SWRC, lead-PI) is an aquatic geochemist who is co-leading the Christina River Basin CZO and leading the CZOData project. He will oversee overall project coordination, including mentorship of the post-doctoral project coordinator, and will be responsible for Objective 1 community engagement and broader impacts. **Mayorga** (UW-APL, co-PI) is a biogeochemical modeler and co-developer for the NANOOS Visualization System. He will oversee Objective 2 BiG CZ Portal and Objective 3 BiG CZ Toolbox software development. **Zaslavky** (SDSC, PI) is a cyberscientist and co-developer of the CUAHSI Hydrological Information System (HIS) cyberinfrastructure. He will oversee Objective 4 BiG CZ Central software development. These three together will form the project's executive team.

**Objective 1 team**. Aufdenkampe will lead, including a small team of technical and data management staff for SWRC and the CRB-CZO who will test each software release. **Packman** (NU), a hydrologist, and **Aronson** (UCR), a microbiologist, will co-chair the CZ Community Advisory Board. Packman will lead the CZ Science Synthesis Institute. **Gill** (SWRC Director of Education), a soil scientist, will engage resource managers, citizen science NGOs and secondary school educators throughout the project by inviting key representatives to co-design workshops and by organizing a workshop at the end of year 3.

**Objective 2 Team**. Mayorga will lead, including a team of developers at UW-APL. **Cheetham** is founder and CEO of Azavea, Inc., a systems design and software development firm specializing in web and mobile software that combine geospatial technology, engaging user interfaces and high performance computing. As lead developer for the GeoTrellis geoprocessing engine, he and the Azavea team will work closely with the UW-APL team to develop the core high-performance web visualization framework. **Versteeg** (Subsurface Insights) is a geophysicist and cyber-developer who will integrate the Vislt 3D and 4D visualization package into the BiG CZ Portal web app. **Lehnert** (Columbia) is a marine geologist and lead for the Integrated Earth Data Applications (IEDA) facility. She and her team will integrate a suite of data publication/registration forms into the BiG CZ Portal web app.

**Objective 3 Team**. Mayorga will lead, including a team of developers at UW-APL. **Horsburgh** (USU) is a hydrologist, the developer of ODM 1.1 database and tools, and the PI of the ODM2 project. He and his team will work closely with the UW-APL team to develop the BiG CZ Toolbox.

**Objective 4 Team**. Zaslavsky will lead. **Valentine** (SDSC) is a developer for CUAHSI HIS and many other projects, using the Microsoft DotNet platform, Python, OData, and various web services, and experience with tuning geospartial databases and digital library systems and metadata. **Richard** (AZGS) and his team (Ryan Clark, Genhan Chen) developed the Geoscience Information Network (USGIN) (Award #0753154) and the National Geothermal Data System 'node-in-a-box' stack (Clark et al., 2013). They have experience with Django, Python, Node.js, and Javascript, and a variety of other FOSS components. **Berg-Cross** (SOCoP) brings expertise in metadata integrating and vocabulary mapping. Together, Zaslavsky, Valentine, Richard and Berg-Cross will develop the BiG CZ Central software stack. **Meyer** and **Henry** (UC) serve as the Microbial Communities and the Microbial Science team leads for the US DOE's Systems Biology Knowledgebase (KBase). They will work with the Obj. 4 team to implement or expose features within KBase to enable cross-domain interoperability with BiG CZ Central.

#### C.2.2. Community Driven Approach

For a software product to be successful, it must provide functionality with direct value to the intended user community, with user interfaces that are intuitive and easily learned. Our user-centered development process will start with community input through the co-design workshops to identify top-priority functionality, and develop user interfaces based on user-testing and feedback integrated into the development process. Close collaboration between active researchers in the community and the technology-development team will be used to keep development focused on actual user experience and workflow priorities, and the Training and Testing workshops will provide periodic review and assessment from the community.

The CZ Community Advisory Board (CZCAB) will attract domain scientists to user workshops and bootcamps by presenting posters and talks on the software and its uses within individual domains, as BiG CZ develops. The users will then be welcomed to workshops where they will be led through demonstrations. In the first workshops, the software development and CZCAB will gather to work on co-development of the platform, first just the project team and then again with domain scientists interested in having a lasting impact on the project. Next, after development phase 1, boot camps and testing workshops will be held with members of various CZ domains to test the beta version. Similarly, the CZCAB will gather domain scientists for workshops and trainings after the development of versions 1 and 2. The Board will lead discussions among CZ domain scientists at these workshops, in order to generate documents describing recommended changes to the software for scientific use. The CZCAB take the these recommendations directly to the developers, to work out any vocabulary inconsistencies between domain and computer scientific languages.

#### C.2.3. Software Engineering Process

The project team will use 'Agile' project-management and software-development methodologies in the design and development process to discover impediments early, and produce a well-tested and high-quality software system. An adaptive and cyclic software development methodology is appropriate in this project because user scenarios, workflows, and requirements for integration between biological and geospatial databases for the critical zone research community are diverse, and are not completely known from the start. Maintaining a continuously updated, web-accessible list of functional requirements and priorities based on user input will be an important component of project management. In addition to managing requirements, we need to determine the correctness of information transformations, and visualizations using human interaction from domain scientists. To do this, we will use Approval Tests (Falco and Gilkerson, 2013) to expand the testing domains to scenarios where automated evaluation is difficult or human evaluation is required.

We will utilize the Scrum project management process for the software engineering tasks, with one project PI acting as "product owner", an experienced project manager serving as scrum-master, and development teams at Azavea, AzGS, Columbia, SDSC, USU, and UW-APL. The project backlog -- the prioritized list of features, accompanied by technical work and software exploration notes -- will be initiated at the initial co-design workshops, and updated continuously as the product evolves with input from the project participants and community. Following the definition of the functional scope development will proceed in 2-4 week sprints ending in a stable software release which serves as the start point of the next sprint. The use of test-driven development (tests are written for each function as the application software is written), frequent integration testing, and selective pair programming will be used to assure product quality. BiG software modules will be continuously tested at several levels, including build-integrated unit testing, and integration testing to verify interfaces between BiG components. Approval tests will validate software releases against science requirements, and for items such as data set transformations where precise unit testing is not ideal and domain scientists need to be involved in the evaluation of results.

We will use collaborative code management platforms and automatic build systems such as GitHub, Codeplex, Google Code, TeamCity, Alfresco, as well as project communication tools such as project wiki and issue tracking system (we have experience with all of these and choose based on current features). This will streamline communication for our geographically distributed development team, and has the potential to engage other developers to contribute to our open-

source code-base. Vagrant (or similar) software will be used to assure a reproducible and identical development environment for the software development teams in different locations.

**Incorporating community input in all stages of development** is critical for success of the project. The project web site, presentations and booths at professional meetings, and surveys of users and stakeholders will be used to ensure that the community is aware of the project and there are clearly defined ways to provide input and contribute to development. Community input will be solicited through an interactive online inventory of user stories with templates for community members to contribute and comment on scenarios, maintaining a question and answer system at the BiG portal, and focus group demonstrations of software releases and special attention to user satisfaction. A user interface designer will be a part of development team working on front-end components of the portal. This input will be used to update product requirements, product backlogs, and priorities as the project develops, leading to improved satisfaction that the tools are meeting the needs to the users.

The BiG software will be designed to support large volumes of data, and provide efficient visualization experience. Our project team includes software engineers with substantial experience developing highly scalable distributed data processing systems (GeoTrellis) and a variety of data visualization tools, including D3, Cesium and the Vislt framework. Software libraries will be developed using iPython supporting parallel execution. Scalability and extensibility will be also achieved by reliance on standard service protocols. We plan to build on existing, active open-source software projects whenever possible to increase the likelihood that support for the software will continue after the project funding ends.

#### C.2.4. Timeline and Metrics

Project Month: Activity, over 48 month project.

- 0-9: Co-design workshops/meetings (2 total)
- 9-21: Development phase 1, beta version.
- 18-27: Training & testing BootCamps on alpha & beta versions (2 total)
- 24-33: Development phase 2, version 1
- 30-39: Training & testing BootCamps on version 1 (2 total)
- 39-45: CZ Science Synthesis Institute and Citizen-Science & Resource Manager Workshop
- 39-48: development phase 3, version 2

We will develop a set of internal and external metrics for success. Internal metrics will be developed by the project team at a high level as measures of internal consistency, functionality vs specifications, code re-use across iterations, efficiency of support within the group and at a low level specific task accomplishments will be iteratively tallied for each milestone. External metrics will be based primarily on formative and summative evaluation, as well as publications (peer-reviewed) and other products generated based on BiG CZ, its integration with other CI efforts, curriculum use, invited talks, workshops, citations and eventually by adoption by a larger community of researchers working at the intersection of biological and environmental processes. At a low level we will quantitatively monitor usage: number of registered users and the communities they represent; diversity of users; number of software downloads; number of accesses to educational materials; number of students using them or exposed to the tools in the curriculum; number of code developers; number of trained users; volumes of data that are processed via services.

User input to the project deliverables is critical to assure that they are both intuitive to use and provide the necessary functionality. We will develop an online survey asking each tester to provide feedback on the ease of use and the effectiveness of each tool, especially after workshops. We will also provide a space for open-ended suggestions that will be fed back to the tool developers. In addition, we will develop questionnaires for those participating in each of the workshops and bootcamps that ask participants to respond to specific content and the format of information as well as an overall assessment of the learning experience. As the web applications are broadly available, we will also ask users to take an online survey to assess the quality of the information, the ease of use and requests for any additional information or tools. A document outlining the ongoing evaluation will be provided as part of the annual and final reports for the project.

#### C.2.5. Project Tasks

Four major tasks are identified; the first of these (community engagement and software design) will be the first activity to be initiated on the project timeline, but the other three tasks will be executed in parallel, with software development sprints focused on aspects of those tasks as dictated by evolving priorities in the Agile Scrum process.

#### **Objective 1 Tasks: Community Engagement and Software Design**

The first objective is development of a white paper scoping the system architecture, major user scenarios to be supported, and the software development environment. This will be a living document during the duration of the project, subject to update and revision as a function of the Agile development process; at project completion, it will serve as the foundational system documentation. The software development teams will need to establish and test the development environment, with any training necessary to coordinate the distributed development team.

**Task 1.1. Organize and conduct co-design workshops**. This will involve arranging a location, inviting participants, logistics, developing the workshop syllabus, running the workshop, and reporting on results. The results will include user scenarios and requirements to inform software development, design for system architecture, identification of existing components and software projects that can be leveraged.

Task 1.2. Integrate workshop results into an initial project backlog. This backlog will identify tasks necessary to implement the user scenarios and requirements identified in the co-design workshops. Software development will be based on the use cases

Task 1.3 Organize software development teams and management process. Identify scrum master.

Task 1.4 Select and test the software development environment. Establish software version control repositories, test script-based building of the development environment. If code from existing projects will be used as a starting point, get the source code and test building and integration of existing software.

**Task 1.5 Ongoing community engagement, testing and feedback**. The user training and testing bootcamps (interleaved in Tasks 2,3,4), CZ Science Synthesis Institute, and Citizen-science & Resource Manager workshop together form a critically important component of software design and refinement. The Institute in particular will serve as the capstone evaluation of our success. Prior experience with the similar Hydrologic Synthesis program demonstrated the potential bottleneck and enormous effort required to organize data in advance of the workshop. If we can successfully guide BiG CZ Institute participants to integrate and analyze data on the fly, our project will be deemed incredibly successful by the community. In addition to workshops, the project team will conduct demonstrations and workshops on the BiG CZ system at professional meetings and other targets of opportunity to engage the community and solicit feedback.

#### **Objective 2 Tasks: BiG CZ Portal Web Application Development**

The BiG CZ Portal component of the project will be aimed at a more general audience than the ToolBox. The Portal will support contemporary web browsers and will rely on open web standards, enabling usage without plugins or other specialized software. Beginning in Year 1, the Azavea user interface design team will develop a series of personas to represent audience types and then wireframe screen designs for review by stakeholders. User scenarios developed in Task 1 will be deconstructed into specific software development tasks to be implemented in a series of sprints over a 12 month period, beginning late in Year 1. The first training and testing workshop will be planned in the middle of this period. Following this initial period of development, we do not expect the development to be a continuous process. Rather, it will be interrupted by feedback sessions with project partners and stakeholders. Workshops and other feedback will shape subsequent development periods in Years 2 and 3. We expect the software development completed prior to the first CZ Science Synthesis Institute in early year 4.

**Task 2.1. UI/UX Design** -- The user interface and user experience (UI/UX) design process will begin with development of a series of personas representing key target audience members. Based on these personas and the material developed in Task 1, the UI/UX design team will implement

wireframe screen designs that will combine the personas and features. The initial wireframes will not be functional, but following review with the project team, they will be translated into functional HTML/CSS/Javascript scaffolds to which data will be connected by the development team.

**Task 2.2. Software Development** -- Using the functional scaffolds delivered in Task 2.1, the software development team will implement the features based on the various data source and server-side visualization services. It is anticipated that an initial implementation will rely significantly on the existing capabilities in the Nanoos Visualization System and the GeoTrellis technology, but that subsequent iterations will depart from this starting point in order to adapt to the specific user workflow required by the BiG CZ Portal.

**Task 2.3. Software Deployment** - Leveraging contemporary software engineering best practices, the software development teams will implement a continuous integration (CI) service, testdriven development practices, and a continuous deployment process that will use open source tools such as Vagrant, Chef and Puppet. The software team will continue to adapt these tools as the development and deployment environments change.

**Task 2.4. Documentation and training materials** for use of the Portal. Development of software documentation will be an integral part of the development process, but training materials for research users will need to be developed on a separate track.

#### **Objective 3 Tasks: BiG CZ Toolbox Development**

The BiG CZ Toolbox is aimed at investigators who have data that they want to share using the BiG CZ Software System or who wish to programmatically access BiG CZ Central to search, ingest, transform and analyze data using Python, which can in turn be readily linked to or wrapped around other statistical or modeling applications written in R, C++, Fortran, Java, Matlab, and others. Development of the Toolkit will follow standard services oriented architecture (SOA) design, but will be fully open source and use only freely available components. Beginning in Year 1, the BiG CZ Toolbox team will establish a scope for and begin to design and prioritize software tools to be included in the BiG CZ Toolbox as necessary to implement data publication and access user scenarios. The sequence of tasks would be similar to that identified for Objective 2, with a series of sprints based on established priorities, leading up to a user workshop for testing and feedback. Toolbox development will begin after the first training and testing workshop, and continue through follow up on the final Citizen-science & Resource Manager and CZ Science Synthesis Institute workshops.

**Task 3.1. Initial Software Design** -- The relational database schema for ODM2 and the software prototypes developed by the ODM2 project will serve to initiate our software designs for the Toolkit. Given the goal of lowering the activation energy for CZ scientists to contribute data and use the system, the designs for Toolkit software will focus on operating system agnostic tools that ease the data management and sharing process.

Task 3.2. Development of Data Management and Publication Software -- Using the initial protoypes and designs developed in Task 3.1, we will operationalize a relational database implementation of ODM2 for PostgreSQL, a Python-based version of the ODM Tools software application for managing data stored in an ODM2 database, streaming sensor data middleware for automating the loading of data streams into an ODM2 database, and standardized web service interfaces for publishing data stored in an ODM2 databases.

**Task 3.3. Development of Toolkit Software Deployments** -- To facilitate ease of installation and use, we will develop executable installers and virtual machine clones for Windows, Mac OSX, and Linux platforms for the software tools developed under Task 3.2. Based on the community requirements and community stories, gather sample datasets, develop tests scripts and automated scripts to allow for testing of the components, individually, and as part of a deployed environment or virtual machine stack. Implement the scripts in a continuous build environment, and work to create semiannual stable builds. The virtual machine will include an operating system, data persistence components, service interface implementations, vocabulary services, and processing services. **Task 3.4. Develop documentation and training materials.** Use the community stories that have been developed into automated tests as the basis for documentation and user training. Work with the community to expand the scope of the training to encompass emerging needs

Although not listed here, we would initiate a community engagement, iteration, documentation, and feedback process for development of the BiG CZ Toolbox that is similar to that described for development of the BiG CZ Portal (i.e., see Tasks 2.4-2.8 above).

#### **Objective 4 Tasks: BiG CZ Central Development**

Implement server stack to host BiG CZ repository, metadata harvesting and search, and data services and other APIs to support the Portal web application (Obj.2) and Toolbox (Obj. 3).

Task 4.1. Design system architecture integrating all Big CZ components. This task includes collecting community expectations, and gathering user stories which will be used to develop architectural requirements and product backlogs. Data persistence components, service interface implementations, vocabulary services, and processing services to manage and integrate cross-scale cross-disciplinary data, will be essential design components. The existing implementations to be leveraged include the USGS WaterSmart services stack (Department of the Interior, 2012), the AUScope Spatial Information Server Stack (Fraser et. al, 2010), and OSGeo Live distribution (OSGeo 2012). Based on the review, we will select components that meet requirements determined through the backlog process, and determine which of the components needs to be expanded and integrated in the BiG CZ central software stack.

**Task 4.2. Develop tools to build an integrated catalog** from CZO and other community information systems. To support user queries against both geoscience and bioscience data sources, we will develop an integrated catalog as a federation of CUAHSI, IEDA, KBASE, CZOData, OpenTopography and USGIN sources. The catalog will follow the ODM2 schema (ODM2 catalog extension), and expose at least CSW service interface and the interfaces designed through the ODM2 project. Records from domain catalogs will be either periodically harvested into the BiG CZ catalog or accessed at query time, depending on the types of interfaces exposed by these catalogs. This design will allow us to enable data discovery queries for diverse types of CZ-related information and support visualization of data availability, while metadata returned on data discovery queries will be used to formulate data requests against different data sources registered in the domain catalogs.

**Task 4.3. Develop semantics components** to support data publication, discovery and annotation across multiple data systems, and transformations to support cross-domain cross-scale integration. This task will address semantic and scale discrepancies across information systems being federated in the BiG CZ Central. We will use APIs exposed by KBase, CUAHSI HIS, IEDA, USGIN, OpenTopography and CZOData to develop information model mappings between them, using ODM2 as the target schema implemented at the BiG CZ Central. Development of improved conceptual models that handle a range of granularity & scaling to bridge across domains will be accompanied by implementing transformations of domain metadata into ODM2 formalisms. The latter functionality will be organized as a Python library and also made available via a standard service interface such as OGC WPS. We will ensure that the protocols and information models we employ are standards compliant, integrating OGC standards and best practices with standard markup being developed through the Genomics Standards Consortium (in particular, the Genomic Contextual Data Markup Language).

Task 4.4. Development of BiG CZ Central Web Service API, using designs from Task 3.1, we will implement a web service interface for discovering data via the BiG CZ Central system and that facilitates data retrieval for local analysis.

#### C.3. Software Sustainability

#### C.3.1. Usability as the Foundation for Sustainability

Delivering responsive, easy-to-use, powerful software is the key to building a critical mass of users and is thus a foundation for sustainability. To gain community input, we will solicit reviews from the CZ Advisory Board, which will advise on feature development priorities, provide critical feedback on software releases, and assist in the recruitment of workshop participants. The Co-Design

Workshops and the Training and Testing workshops will be used to engage users, show them how to use the system to be more efficient in their work, and obtain feedback to maximize the utility of the software. We view the cultivation of an active user and developer community, which will initially occur through these workshops, as a key part of developing sustainable software. Allocation of resources for training and documentation is thus an essential part of this project.

#### C.3.2. Sustainability Plan

Sustainability is a significant issue for software developed by a research community. We will build on existing, active open-source software projects. Doing so increases the likelihood that support for the software will continue after the project funding ends. For example, our development plan involves building on top of existing capabilities of mature systems such as the Nanoos Visualization System and the GeoTrellis technology. Our project team includes the software engineers that developed these systems and that have substantial experience developing highly scalable distributed data processing systems and a variety of data visualization tools. New functionality developed for this project can be leveraged for future implementations of these tools.

Much of our proposed development will use Python, which has seen tremendous growth in popularity in the past few years and has seen widespread deployment, excellent documentation, and a comprehensive library of already available code and tools. Scalability and extensibility of developed software will be achieved by reliance on standard service protocols and data encoding formats (see Data Management Plan). The unanimous envisioning of the proposed BiG CZ Software System by attendees at the CZ-EarthCube domain workshop means that there is great need for such a system and that it has high potential for being a significant part of the EarthCube cyberinfrastructure that is currently being envisioned by the greater geosciences community. The evaluation metrics described in this proposal will be used to quantitatively and qualitatively evaluate software releases and to ensure that community expectations are met.

Our commitment to ensuring accessibility of developed source code via open source distribution in a public repository and emphasis on useful documentation of the codebase will foster adoption of the code by other projects, which is necessary for sustainability after the initial project duration. Indeed, development of code as contributions to existing open source projects provides an approach to sustainability. Where possible, all new **source code and software developed by this project will be released under the New BSD (BSD 2) Open Source license** (Open Source Initiative, 2008). Given that we are incorporating and modifying some existing applications that already use different open source software licenses (e.g., GeoTrellis uses GPL3), the final BiG CZ Software System may use multiple open source software licenses.

#### C.4. Broader Impacts and Outreach Plan

#### C.4.1. Broader Impacts to Earth & Environmental Sciences

"Computers are as important to modern science as telescopes and test tubes. Unfortunately, most scientists are never taught how to use them effectively: most scientists have to figure out for themselves how to build, validate, maintain, and share complex programs. This is as fair as teaching someone arithmetic and then expecting them to figure out calculus on their own, and about as likely to succeed." From: <u>http://software-carpentry.org/</u> (Hannay et al. 2009; Wilson 2009).

We believe that a key aspect of increasing the computational capabilities of the CZ community requires increasing the computational skills of the CZ science community. The Software Carpentry project has shown that a 20-40 hour course can increase the productivity of typical scientist by about 20%, or a day a week, and that it is common for their bootcamps to enable participants to launch into research topics that would not have been previously possible. We will partner with the Software Carpentry project to teach 80 early-career Earth and environmental scientists computational science skills through four Bootcamps and one CZ Science Synthesis Institute. Combined with the easy-to-use Toolbox that we develop, we expect this will have a profound and rippling impact on increasing community capabilities.

#### C.4.2. Outreach to Resource Managers and Citizen-Scientist Volunteers

Humans have become a geologic force on this planet, moving more sediment to the sea by an order of magnitude than move through natural processes (Williams, 2005). In addition, human impacts on Earth's water and the atmosphere threaten overall environmental guality (e.g., Foley et al., 2005). For that reason, scientific literacy is necessary to support both personal and civic decision-making as well as overall economic productivity. It is, therefore, necessary for the public to: 1) understand basic scientific concepts and 2) use data to make informed decisions. The broader impacts of this project will provide data within the context of scientific concepts to enhance scientific literacy for the public and for resource managers. To do this, we will develop the following deliverables: 1) designing an intuitive public interface for viewing and downloading data; 2) developing "how to" training material on access to and the use of scientific data; 3) linking citizens to ongoing local research efforts; 4) providing information on basic scientific processes to assist users to understand the implications of the data; 5) offering data manipulation and visualization tools that will allow users to compare sites, chart time-series data, and compare conditions to their own local measurements; and, 6) *teaching* how to use data to enhance civic engagement and citizen science efforts. To accomplish those tasks, as stated above, we will hold a workshop for resource managers and citizen scientists to introduce them to the deliverables outlined above and to solicit feedback on the usability of those tools.

#### C.4.3. Impact to Secondary Education

We will also develop curricular materials around the portal designed specifically for secondary teachers to assist them to integrate research data into their classrooms. These materials will be included in our extensive library of educational curricular materials available to educators through our website.

#### C.5. Results from Prior NSF Support

Integrated Data Management System for Critical Zone Observatories, Pls, A. Aufdenkampe, I. Zaslavsky, E. Mayorga, K. Lehnert, J.S. Horsburgh, Award No. 1332257, \$1,469,953, 12/1/2012-3/31/2014. The objective of the project is to develop a comprehensive, integrated data management system for the NSF-funded Critical Zone Observatory (CZO) program, called CZOData. The overall goal for CZOData is to support, empower, and broaden the impact of CZO science and maximize the return on investment of the CZO program by transforming capabilities to easily share, integrate, analyze and preserve the wide range of multi-disciplinary data generated within and across CZOs.

**Developing a Community Information Model and Supporting Software to Extend Interoperability of Sensor and Sample Based Earth Observations**, PIs J.S. **Horsburgh**, I. **Zaslavsky**, K. **Lehnert**, A. **Aufdenkampe**, E. **Mayorga**, Award No. 1224638, \$281,112, 8/1/2012-7/31/2014. This EAR Geoinformatics Program grant supports development of the Observations Data Model 2.0 (ODM2) and related software to enable web based interoperability of earth observations derived from sensors and samples that span discrete data and informatics initiatives for multiple communities. The system targets data from specific existing repositories in order to demonstrate how the information model can support federation of earth observations data across multiple data publication systems.

Zaslavsky is the PI of EAGER: Readiness of Disciplinary Data Systems for Cross-Domain Interoperability within a Standards-Based EarthCube Reference Framework (NSF-EAR, award 1238420, 4/1/2012-3/31/2013, \$217,932.) The project has developed an EarthCube roadmap focused on cross-domain interoperability (version 1.1, August 2012,

<u>http://earthcube.ning.com/group/interop/page/roadmap</u>), and a framework for evaluating interoperability readiness, and created a range of inventories - of EarthCube domain resources, architectures, and geoscience models – which are accessible online (<u>http://earthcube.ning.com/group/interop/page/community-inventories</u>).

A. Packman was the PI of NSF EAR-0810270, Linking scales of geomorphology and solute transport in river corridors, \$248,852, 2008-2012. This project demonstrated that interactions

between river flow and fractal stream morphology produce non-linear multi-scale surfacegroundwater interactions, and resulted in 10 publications (Stonedahl et al., 2010, 2012, 2013; Drummond et al., 2012; Patil et al., 2012; Boano et al., 2013; Harvey et al., 2012; Zhang et al., 2012; Guan et al., 2011; Cullis et al., 2012). We conducted two summer institutes focused on synthesis of hydrological, morphodynamical, biogeochemical, and ecological processes, providing cross-cutting training to ~40 early-career scientists; plus K-12 and public outreach events.

Model My Watershed: Developing a Cyberlearning Application and Curricula to Enhance Interest in STEM Careers (NSF DRL #0929763, \$1,199,609 total, 2009-2012) PI: S. Gill; Co-PIs: Aufdenkampe, Dow, Marcum-Dietrich, Newbold and Tomlin. R. Cheetham (Azavea) was the lead developer. The MWW Project (http://app.wikiwatershed.org/stroudfx/bin-debug/Main.swf) is a placebased, hydrologic modeling web application that allows students, teachers and citizens to model storm-water runoff for their own neighborhoods using a professional-grade model and real data. Project modules were extensively tested by teachers and students, with evaluations confirming that the application was easy to use and led to broad knowledge gains and linkage to STEM careers. Project results were presented at many meetings and two publications (Gill et al., in press and Gill and Marcum-Dietrich, in review). The project was highlighted at the Sept. 2011 NRC/NSF STEM Smart event in Philadelphia as an example of effective STEM education.

**Christina River Basin Critical Zone Observatory** (NSF EAR #0724971, \$4,300,000 total, 2009-2013, PI: D. Sparks; Co-PI **Aufdenkampe**, <u>http://criticalzone.org/christina/</u>) has the two-fold goal to (1) create a community resource for studying earth surface (i.e. critical zone) processes through sampling, sensing and cyberinfrastructure, and (2) test a set of hypotheses on the whole-watershed links between water, mineral and carbon cycles over a range of modern and historical land uses. The project team includes 4 post-docs, 11 graduate students, a sensor engineer and 17 faculty at many institutions including **Zaslavsky**. Results to date have been presented in 17 peer-reviewed publications, more than two-dozen invited talks and dozens of other presentations.

**INTEROP--Geoscience Information Network (USGIN)** (<u>NSF EAR #0753154</u>, \$624,974 total, 2008-2012. PI Allison, Co-PI S. **Richard**, <u>http://usgin.org</u>). This project demonstrated data interoperability through initial partnerships with GEON, EarthChem, and USGS Community for Data Integration. After the first year of design and testing, USGIN was selected as the model for the more than \$35 million investment by the U.S. Department of Energy for the Geothermal Technologies Program's National Geothermal Data System (NGDS – <u>http://www.geothermaldata.org</u>). The USGIN project converted the broad, generalized agreement between federal and state Surveys into a functional, operational data integration framework that is scalable and transportable across the geosciences, other scientific disciplines, and the geospatial data infrastructure.

C.S. **Henry** receives support from three NSF grants on: (A) Maize modeling and annotation (#1025398), requiring development of a large biochemistry database for plants and a new resource for the automated annotation and modeling of plant genomes (Plant SEED) resulting in 3 papers (Gerdes et al., 2012; Seaver et al., 2012; Krumholz et al., 2012); (B) microbial community modeling in the gut (#1137089), resulting in a Nature Communications paper on microbial interactions; and (C) annotation and analysis of the impact of metabolite repair (#1153357), which began last year and has a number of paper in preparation.

PI: F. Meyer – Second Argonne Soils Workshop, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, IL, October 6-8. 2010. Federal Award ID: 1059066. Project Period: 09/01/10 - 4/30/2012

E. Aronson and G. Berg-Cross have not served as a PI or Co-PI on an NSF grant in 5 years.

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(i) **Professional Preparation** 

Dartmouth College	Chemistry	B.A., 1991
University of Washington	Chemical Oceanography	M.S., 1998
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Associate Research Scientist, 2011-Present. Stroud Water Research Center, PA, USA.

- Adjunct Assistant/Associate Professor, 2004 Present. Department of Oceanography, College of Earth, Ocean and Environment, University of Delaware, DE.
- Assistant Research Scientist, 2003-2011. Stroud Water Research Center, PA, USA.
- **Postdoctoral Fellow**, 2002. NSF International Research Fellow. Univ. of South Carolina & Centro de Energia Nuclear na Agricultura (CENA), Brazil.
- Research Assistant, 1994-2002. School of Oceanography, University of Washington.

#### (iii) Products—Five Most Closely Related to this Project

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#### (iv) Synergistic Activities

Advisor/Supervisor. 5 Post-Docs, 1 MS Student, 4 NSF REU Interns, 1 NASA OUR Earth Intern and >30 other project-supported undergraduate interns.

**Reviewer**. Aquatic Geochemistry; Analytical Chemistry; Biogeochemistry; Belgium FWO proposals; Global Biogeochemical Cycles; Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta; Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science; European Journal of Soil Science; Hydrological Processes; Journal of Environmental Quality; Journal of the North American Benthological Society; Limnology and Oceanography; Marine Chemistry; Nature; NSF proposals; NSF Hydrology Review Panel; NOAA proposals; Organic Geochemistry; United Kingdom NERC proposals; Water Research.

Guest Lecturer and Field Instructor. Taught lectures and week-long mini-units in: Introduction to Freshwater Ecology with T. Bott, University of Pennsylvania, 2004-2013. Isotope Geochemistry with W. Ullman, University of Delaware, 2006. Introduction to Field Ecology with J. Thorne, University of Pennsylvania, 2003.

Various courses at the Univ. of Washington and Seattle University, 1997 to 2001.

Member. American Soc. of Limnology & Oceanography (ASLO), Am. Geophysical Union (AGU).
 Sustainable Agriculture Educator, U.S. Peace Corps, 1992-1994. Developed and implemented soil conservation programs and trained local extension agents. Central African Republic.

#### (v) Collaborators

(a) Collaborators in last 48 months (see publications for additional co-authors)

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	Rolf Aalto	Univ. of V	Nashington, Seattle	e, WA.		
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	Paul Buckavekas	Virginia (	Commonwealth Univ	versity, Richmond, VA		
	Peter Hernes	Univ. of (	California, Davis, CA	Α		
	George Hornberge	er Univ. of V	Virginia, Charlottesv	ville, VA.		
	Louis Kaplan	Stroud W	/ater Research Cen	iter, Avondale, PA.		
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	William Ullman	Univ. of I	Delaware, Newark,	DE		
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(b)	Graduate and Pos	stdoctoral Advi	sors			
	John I. Hedges	M.S. & P	h.D. Advisor	University of Washington, Seattle		
	Jeffrey E. Richey	Ph.D. Co	o-Advisor	University of Washington, Seattle		
	James W. Murray	M.S. Co-	Advisor	University of Washington, Seattle		
	Ronald Benner	Postdoct	oral Supervisor	University of South Carolina, Columbia		
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	Carl Rosier	Post-Doc	Univ. of Delaware.	2010-present.		
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	Rebecca Hays	Post-Doc	Univ. of Delaware.	Co- w/ K. Billiups. 2010-2011.		
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## **Professional Preparation**

1994–1997	MLA Masters of Landscape Architecture University of Pennsylvania
1989–1990	Stanford Japan Center Kyoto Center for Japanese Studies, Kyoto, Japan
1986–1991	BA with distinction: Japanese Studies University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

#### Appointments

2000–Present	Azavea Inc.
	Founder and President
1995-2003	University of Pennsylvania
	Senior Software Developer, Cartographic Modeling Lab, 1998 – 2003
	Lecturer, Dept. of Landscape Architecture, Univ. of Pennsylvania, 1997 – 1999
	Research Associate, Cartographic Modeling Lab, 1996 – 1997
	Project Manager, West Philadelphia Landscape Project, 1996 – 1997
	Research Assistant, West Philadelphia Landscape Project, 1995 – 1996
1999–2001	City of Philadelphia
	Senior GIS Developer, GIS Services Group, 1999 – 2001
1997–1999	Philadelphia Police Department
	Crime Analyst, Philadelphia Police Department, 1997 – 1999
1997–2000	Private Practice
	Consultant in Geographic Information Systems and GIS Software Development
1991–1994	City of Konan, Japan
	Coordinator for International Relations

#### **Five Recent Products**

GeoTrellis: High performance geoprocessing engine (v 0.6.0 - 0.8.0) [Software]. (2012) Philadelphia, PA; Azavea, Robert Cheetham. Retrieved from https://github.com/azavea/geotrellis

HunchLab: Crime analysis and risk forecasting solution (v 2012-10) [Software]. (2011) Philadelphia, PA; Azavea, Robert Cheetham. Retrieved from www.azavea.com/HunchLab

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DistrictBuilder: Collaborative redistricting software (v. 1.0 - 2.0) [Software]. (2009 - 2012) Philadelphia, PA; Public Mapping Project, Azavea. Retrieved from https://github.com/PublicMapping/DistrictBuilder

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#### **Synergistic Activities**

2011–Present	Urban Forestry Simulation and Modeling Tools Manage design and development of
	web software for prioritization and simulation modeling of urban forest ecosystems
	(USDA # 2011-33610-30511 and 2012-33610-19997).
2009–2012	Model My Watershed Direct software development activities to build, test and
	disseminate watershed-modeling tool set for secondary students (NSF # 0929736).
2009–Present	Philadelphia Stormwater Billing Project Manage design and development of a public
	web application that supports stormwater billing based on impervious surface cover.
2007-2011	HunchLab Crime Analysis and Risk Forecasting Solution PI for NSF Phase I, Phase
	II, and Phase IIB SBIR projects (NSF #0637589 and IIP-0750507), to design and develop
	software tools for automated geographic pattern discovery and notification.
2010	GPU-Based Raster Processing Algorithms PI for NSF Phase I SBIR project (NSF #
	IIP-0945742), that tested the feasibility of graphics processing units (GPUs) to
	substantially increase the performance of GIS software processing.

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2009-	Fellow, Computation Institute, University of Chicago
2009-	Assistant Computer Scientist, Argonne National Lab
2007-2009	Postdoctoral Scholar, Mathematics and Computer Science, Argonne National Lab
2002-2007	Graduate Student, Department of Chemical Engineering, Northwestern University

#### (c) <u>PRODUCTS</u> 5 most closely related to proposed project

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- Henry CS, Jankowski MD, Broadbelt LJ, Hatzimanikatis V (2006) Genome-scale thermodynamic analysis of *Escherichia coli* metabolism. *Biophysical Journal* **90**: 1453-1461.

#### (d) Synergistic Activities

- Honored with the Jay Bailey Young Investigator Best Paper in Metabolic Engineering Award
- Co-lead for the Microbial Science Domain on the DOE Knowledgebase for integration and

standardization of 'omics data, biological models, and model predictions with Microbes, Plants, and Communities

- Developed Model Seed resource for high-throughput reconstruction, optimization, and analysis of genome-scale metabolic models utilized by numerous scientists and educators (www.theseed.org/models/)
- Session chair for National Meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers
- Referee for PLOS One, Biotechnology and Bioengineering, Biophysical Journal, Nature Biotechnology, and BMC Bioinformatics
- Associate Editor for the Journal 3Biotech
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Folker Meyer

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2006 -	Senior Fellow, Computation Institute, University of Chicago
2006 -	Scientist, Mathematics and Computer Science Division, Argonne National
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2003 - 2006	Head Bioinformatics, Resource Facility of the Center for Biotechnology,
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2000 - 2003	Head Bioinformatics, BMBF Competence Network, Bielefeld University
1998 -1999	IIT-BioTech GmbH, Bielefeld University
1997	Scientist, Center for Genome Research (ZfGB), Bielefeld University
1991-1996	Department of History and Philosophy, Bielefeld University

## iii. Products

## Five Most Relevant

- J. A. Gilbert, F. Meyer, M. J. Bailey , The Future of microbial metagenomics (or is ignorance bliss?) The ISME Journal , (25 November 2010) | doi:10.1038/ismej.2010.178, 2010
- A. Wilke, J. Wilkening, E. M. Glass, N. L. Desai, and F. Meyer Porting the MG-RAST metagenomic data analysis pipeline to the cloud Concurrency and Computation2011, DOI: 10.1002/cpe.1799
- J. Wilkening, A. Wilke, N. Desai, F. Meyer Using Clouds for Metagenomics: A Case Study IEEE International Conference on Cluster Computing (Cluster 2009), AUG 31-SEP 04, 2009 New Orleans, LA 2009
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- R. K. Aziz, D. Bartels, A. A. Best, M. DeJongh, T. Disz, R. A. Edwards, K. Formsma, S. Gerdes, E. M. Glass, M. Kubal, F. Meyer, G. J. Olsen, R. Olson, A. L. Osterman, R. A. Overbeek, L. K. McNeil, D. Paarmann, T. Paczian, B. Parrello, G. D. Pusch, C. Reich, R. Stevens, O. Vassieva, V. Vonstein, A. Wilke, O. Zagnitko (2008) The RAST Server: Rapid Annotations using Subsystems Technology BMC Genomics, 2008 Feb 8;9(1):75
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- Ph.D. Environmental Engineering Science. Minor in Geology. California Institute of Technology, 1997.

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2010-present:	Professor, Northwestern University
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2000-2004:	Assistant Professor, Northwestern University
1997-2000:	Assistant Professor, Drexel University
1994-1997:	Graduate Research Assistant, California Institute of Technology.
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#### (iii) Products- Five Most Closely Related to this Project

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#### **(IV) SYNERGISTIC ACTIVITIES**

I have regularly convened sessions at AGU and other technical meetings, primarily with the goal of encouraging interdisciplinary study of earth and environmental systems. I have substantially integrated my educational and research activities, including a) direct supervision of undergraduate students and visiting international scholars, and b) frequent use of research laboratories for tours and demonstrations to encourage pre-college students to become scientists and engineers. I explored pedagogical methods to improve synthesis of research and teaching activities

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temperature sensing methods to characterize surface water–groundwater exchange regulating uranium transport at the Hanford 300 Area, Washington." <u>WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH</u> 46(W10533).

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## **Synergistic Activities**

- PI, NSF EarthCube Cross-Domain Interoperability Testbed Concept Award (<u>http://earthcube.ning.com/groups/interop/</u>)
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- Lead, INCF Digital Atlasing Infrastructure Task Force (<u>http://www.incf.org/about/programs/atlasing</u>)
- Editor, CUAHSI WaterML specification (<u>http://www.opengeospatial.org/standards/dp</u>)

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San Diego State University	B.S. Engineering Geology,	1988
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Humboldt State University	M.S. Environmental Engineering	1992
Arcata, California		
University of California	Ph.D. Geological Sciences	2004
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## Appointments

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1999	GIS Analyst, US Geological Survey. Water Resources Division, Sacramento,
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1998	Hydrographer, Kuwait Hydrographic Project. Tetra Tech, Inc.
1994	Research Assistant. Institute for Crustal Studies, University of California, Santa
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## **Synergistic Activities**

- Co-Chair. OGC WaterML 2 standards working group
- Author, CUAHSI WaterML specification (<u>http://www.opengeospatial.org/standards/dp</u>)
- Coordinator, Environmental Database Model, (<u>http://envirodb.codeplex.com/</u>)
- Technical Lead for National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program at Map and Imagery Library, University of California, Santa Barbara (2004-2005)

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Research Geologist, Arizona Geological Survey	1992-2010	
Adjunct Professor of Geosciences, University of Arizona	1992-present	
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## Synergistic Activities:

- 1. Chair, Concept Definition Task Group of IUGS CGI Interoperability Working group 2007present (This group is now a separate CGI Geoscince Terminology Workgroup)
- Member, Data model team (GeoSciML), IUGS CGI Interoperability Working Group 2004present; Co-Chair, GeoSciML Standards Working Group, Open Geospatial Consortium. Kick off meeting, Redlands, CA, January 2013
- 3. Member, Energistics Energy-Industry Metadata Working Group, 2010-present
- 4. Member, DOE Geothermal Data System Technical Working Group, 2011-present
- 5. Editor, ISOTC211 Workgroup for XML implementation of ISO19115-1.

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### **Data Management Plan**

**Types of Data**: Primary data collection through field or laboratory measurements is not anticipated as part of this project. However, the purpose of the Big CZ Software System is to enable web-based integration, visualization, and joint analysis for cross-scale biological and geoscience processes in the critical zone. As such, the Big CZ Software System is necessarily designed to support the full data lifecycle. We anticipate that Big CZ users will be extensively using and sharing existing data from many different sources as research products and as inputs to shared visualization and analyses. These data will include time series of observations from fixed monitoring locations (e.g., streamflow gages, weather stations), data resulting from analyses conducted on samples, time lapse geophysical data, and geospatial datasets (e.g., land use, digital elevation models).

Data Access: To facilitate shared access to the full range of anticipated data types and sources, significant development efforts on this project will be devoted to creating linkages between the BiG CZ Central System and data providers such as the CUAHSI Hydrologic Information System (HIS), the Integrated Earth Data Applications (IEDA) and related systems, the Critical Zone Observatory Integrated Data Management System (CZOData), DOE's System Biology Knowledgebase (KBase), OpenTopography, and federal data providers such as the USGS National Water Information system. Additionally, the BiG CZ Software System will facilitate sharing of individual investigator datasets and derived data products to relevant repositories through development of the BiG CZ Toolbox, as well as the BiG CZ Central System data repository. Development of the required repositories, protocols, workflows, and methods for doing so are part of the intellectual contribution of this project. Development efforts will be devoted to enhancing existing repositories, creating a BiG CZ repository, and creating web services that provide simplified programmatic access to existing datasets and systems by both individual users and the new BiG CZ Portal Web Application. Where possible, we will use existing, standards-based web services (e.g., those available already through the CUAHSI HIS and through the emerging CZOData system) or develop data services and workflows that interface with existing. Internet-based systems for retrieving the primary data that users will require (e.g., the USGS Seamless Data Server for the National Land Cover or National Elevation Datasets), increasing the discoverability and accessibility of these datasets to data consumers working within the BiG CZ Software System.

**Other Research Products:** The BiG CZ Team will engage the broader community to codevelop and deploy the BiG CZ Software System. Materials will be developed for the co-design workshops and the training and testing workshops to engage community members in the development of the system and to teach them how to use it. Workshop and user documentation aimed at faculty, graduate students, and technicians will be developed to maximize the usability of the BiG CZ Software System. Additionally, we will develop materials for the software bootcamps, science synthesis institute, and citizen science & resource manager workshop that can serve as a model for developing these types of activities for other efforts and projects. All of these materials will be made widely available on a public website affiliated with the project or published in appropriate journals and trade literature.

Data and Metadata Standards: The BiG CZ Software System will rely on existing and

emerging data and metadata standards for sharing environmental datasets. For example, the BiG CZ Portal Web Application will integrate data available through CUAHSI HIS WaterOneFlow web services for time series of point observations and that transmit data in Water Markup Language (WaterML) format (Zaslavsky et al., 2007), and utilise Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) Sensor Observation Service 2.0 (Bröring, 2012) to distribute WaterML 2.0 format (Taylor et al., 2012, 2013). For geospatial datasets, we will use existing OGC standard interfaces such as Web Map Services (de la Beaujardiere, 2006), Web Feature Services (Vretanos, 2010), and Web Coverage Services (Whiteside and Evans, 2008). Metadata descriptions for all datasets will conform to appropriate ISO and/or OGC metadata specifications, with extensions for specific data types where necessary. A catalog of metadata at the dataseries/timeseries level presents unique issues because of the large number of records aggregated from existing catalogs available through the CUAHSI HIS, CZOData, IEDA, and KBase services. We will explore the use of OGC's Cataloging Services for the Web (CSW) standard (Nebert et al., 2007) for cataloging all granularities of metadata. The BiG CZ Central Software Stack will bridge across the data and metadata from the many critical zone domain data systems.

An important aspect of the proposed work is to operationalize Version 2.0 of the Observations Data Model ("ODM2") and to advance development of information models and metadata standards for the representation of the diverse data types to be integrated within the BiG CZ Portal Web Application. Here we will use the experience of our project team in developing standards – and our unique position at the forefront of developing the data portals we wish to integrate – to create web service interfaces that provide integrated access to data from multiple domain repositories for client applications like the BiG CZ Portal Web Application.

**Policies for Data and Research Products**: The vision for the BiG CZ Software System is that users could zoom to anywhere in the contiguous USA to search, view, filter, select, and download heterogeneous datasets for the critical zone. Although this project will not generate primary data through field or laboratory data collection, it is envisioned that the BiG CZ Toolbox would provide a set of tools that enable CZ scientists to manage and publish their data using a turnkey, open-source software solution. Given the focus on joint analysis of cross-scale biological and geoscience processes in the critical zone, the BiG CZ software system will focus on and promote freely and publicly available datasets.

As a general policy, all of the proposed software will be developed as a modular suite of fully open source software projects on public repositories and will be built upon widely-used, existing open source software. As such, all of our software components could be adapted or forked to serve other uses or projects. Where possible, all new source code developed by this project will be available under the New BSD (BSD 2) Open Source license. As we are incorporating and modifying some existing applications that already use different open source software licenses (e.g., GeoTrellis uses GPL3), the final BiG CZ Software System may use multiple open source software licenses. We will use publicly available, open source code repositories for our software development. This will enable us to coordinate our development activities across multiple partner institutions and engage developers and contributors from outside of the immediate project team who wish to contribute.

Plans for Archiving Data: As envisioned, the BiG CZ Software System is primarily a system

for data consumers and not a data archival environment. Indeed, a significant focus of the project will be on developing functionality for exposing data from existing data repository partners through a common BiG CZ Portal Web Application. As stated above, however, the BiG CZ Toolbox will provide CZ investigators with a way to manage and publish their data in such a way that it can be cataloged by the BiG CZ Central system and discovered using the BiG CZ Portal Web Application. We anticipate developing arrangements with our data partners (e.g., the CUAHIS HIS and newly funded CUAHSI Water Data Center, the IEDA systems, and others) to facilitate long-term archival of datasets published using the BiG CZ Toolbox.

#### POSTDOCTORAL MENTORING PLAN

One post-doctoral scientist will be supported by the BiG CZ project. The post-doc on this project will actively collaborate across institutions with the faculty investigators. In addition to technical skills, we focus on: organizational skills, critical thinking; written and oral communication; time management; proposal writing; and public interactions with lay audiences.

The Post-Doc will take on a project coordination role in close collaboration with lead-PI, Aufdenkakmpe and to a lesser extent with Packman and Gill to assist with the broader impacts of the project, specifically with working with resource managers and citizen scientists. The postdoc will thus gain hands on experience managing collaborations on a large multi-disciplinary project. S/he will participate and in many cases coordinate the frequent workshops and WebEx meetings. Additionally,the Post-doc will assist in the coordination data and model testing and integration as the project develops.

The Post-doc will simultaneously be mentored to achieve his or her individual scientific and career goals and will be encouraged and funded to present their research at internal and at one or more national meeting annually. Whenever possible, the mentor will attend the same meeting to introduce the post-doc to scientific colleagues. The project team members will assist the post-doc with publishing post-doctoral research results in peer-reviewed journals. Our mentoring program involves making sure the post-doc has close interactions with students, and is assisted regarding potential job possibilities and guided in job applications. A continual series of discussions are routinely held to talk about career options and their requirements. Assistance is provided to help evaluate job openings and approaches to application and interviews.

The post-doc will take on the role of BiG CZ project coordinator, which is a position that is funded for 3.5 years at the high end of the postdoctoral salary range. S/he will likely have completed a previous Post-doc position and will take on organizational and leadership responsibilities to facilitate communication and collaboration among our research teams. This experience will prepare the Post-Doc for leadership in a similar, large-scale project and will serve as a strong stepping-stone to a faculty position.

The post-doc will be integrated into the research groups of Dr. Anthony Aufdenkampe (SWRC) and by inclusion in weekly group meetings and in weekly BiG CZ team WebEx teleconferences.



18 March 2013

Dr. Anthony Aufdenkampe Stroud Water Research Center 970 Spencer Road Avondale, PA 19311

## RE: Collaborative Research: SI2-SSI: The community-driven BiG CZ software system for integration and analysis of bio- and geoscience data in the critical zone

#### Dear Dr. Aufdenkampe:

On behalf of Azavea, I am pleased that we are collaborating with the Stroud Water Research Center and other project partners on *Collaborative Research: SI2-SSI: The community-driven BiG CZ software system for integration and analysis of bio- and geoscience data in the critical zone*. Should this project be funded, Azavea agrees to provide the application development services outlined in the proposal and described in more detail attached to this letter. Azavea will collaborate with the Stroud Water Research Center (SWRC) and Dr. Emilio Mayorga's team at the Applied Physics Laboratory of the University of Washington (APL-UW) to develop the web portal component of the BiG CZ software. Azavea's specific focus will be on 1) co-design a software architecture design; 2) develop user interface and user experience designs; and 3) implement the web client software. The activities will leverage Azavea's previous work with distributed processing of geospatial data and UI/UX design.

Azavea specializes in creating web-based geographic analysis and modeling applications for government (local, state and federal), non-profit and academic clients. We focus on developing products and services that use both open source and commercial GIS technologies and geographic information science to solve complex, interesting and novel problems. The proposed project is particularly exciting for Azavea as we have a substantial background with land conservation and water management. The proposed spatial data integration project will leverage open source software tools and high performance computing frameworks on an innovative effort to integrate theory, models and data from a variety of Critical Zone disciplines to collectively study processes on the Earth's surface as well as human impact on those processes. As a certified B Corporation, the project also has clear social value and fulfills Azavea's social mission to apply geospatial data and technology to improving the communities we live in.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 215-701-7713, or e-mail <u>cheetham@azavea.com</u> if you have any questions about this partnership.

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Anthony Aufdenkampe Stroud Water Research Center Re: Letter of commitment for NSF "Big CZ" proposal

Dear Dr. Aufdenkampe,

With this letter Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) commits to the collaboration with your collaborative proposal to NSF titled "Collaborative Research: SI2-SSI: The community-driven BiG CZ software system for integration and analysis of Bio- and Geoscience data in the Critical Zone". Specifically, we anticipate a collaboration between your project and the Department of Energy (DOE) funded LBNL Science Focus Area (SFA) project. The SFA project focuses on the development of a predictive understanding of multi-scale terrestrial ecosystems, with particular consideration of the role of coupled hydrological-biogeochemical and subsurface processes on system functioning. Specifically, it seeks to develop the understanding (which is critical to the DOE mission) of how climate induced changes in hydrology and vegetation affect subsurface carbon inputs, flow paths, biogeochemical cycling and metabolic potential, how these processes evolve over time, and what the effect of these processes is on watershed biogeochemical functioning.

As part of the SFA project, a significant volume of disparate microbiological, geochemical, geophysical and hydrological laboratory and field data are being collected by DOE funded scientists, and models are being developed which allow for understanding of coupled processes that play out from single cell to the watershed scales. While the SFA effort includes some modest support for cyberinfrastructure, the primary focus are paired process investigations and simulation capability developments. Given the volume and diversity of our datasets, we recognize the critical need for community tools for integration of biological and geoscience data, and feel that your proposed effort provides for an excellent opportunity for synergistic collaboration. Thus, if your proposal is successful, we will share data and models developed under the SFA with your project with the anticipation of using your developed cyberinfrastucture . The initial point of contact and collaboration would be Dr. Roelof Versteeg (a lead of the LBNL SFA data management and assimilation component), but I anticipate that other SFA scientists would also become involved through this collaboration.

Sincerely,

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Dear Anthony,

I am very interested in the goals of the Big CZ SSI proposal and am willing to participate on the BiG CZ Community Advisory Board and to attend one or two of your co-design workshops as funding permits. In particular, I am interested in extending the systems you are proposing to enable discovery and access to remote sensing datasets and hope eventually to explore with your team methods to adapt high performance raster visualizations to NASA and NOAA's vast data holdings.

Sincerely yours,

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March 19, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

# Re: The community-driven BiG CZ software system for integration and analysis of bio- and geoscience data in the critical zone

I am writing to express my strong support for the above-mentioned Scientific Software Integration program proposal by Aufdenkampe et al. Software is as important to 21<sup>st</sup> Century science as telescopes were in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and particle accelerators in the 20<sup>th</sup>. However, most scientists are still never taught how to design, build, maintain, validate, and share software productively. In our experience, the mixed delivery model included in this proposal, which combines an introduction to common-core skills with more targeted training in domain-specific material, is the most effective way for researchers to learn what they need to know as efficiently as possible.

Software Carpentry will therefore work with the proposers to deliver a series of intensive workshops on software skills for research scientists throughout the lifetime of the project. More specifically, we commit to teaching the "common core" of task automation, version control, structured program development, and software testing over two days, four times or more during two years, and to accommodate 20 or more learners per workshop. We will arrange the instructors and supply all the open source software and open license learning materials required; the only cost to the project will be the instructors' travel and accommodation.

I believe that projects like this one will not only advance our understanding of the Earth's Critical Zone, but also serve as an exemplar for scientists in other domains. I look forward to helping them accomplish their goals.

Sincerely,

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March 19, 2013

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Dear Sir:

Re: TWDB support for BiG CZ SI2-SSI proposal

For the past several years, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) has led the development of the open source ulmo and wofpy python web service packages. TWDB is committed to further development of these packages and welcome contributions and collaborations from the BiG CZ proposal team to further extend their capabilities.

By this letter, we commit staff time to working with the BiG CZ team collaboratively to design, implement, and test extensions of the capabilities of these packages. The code is and will be licensed as an open source product.

Sincerely.

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#### Supplement 3. Management and Coordination Plan -- BiG CZ SSI

#### S3.1. Project Team, Roles and Responsibilities

The core of the BiG CZ SSI team includes the same investigators driving critical zone data integration efforts through the CZOData project (Award #1332257), the ODM2 project (Award #1224638), and the CZ-EarthCube Domain Workshop (Award #1252238). This core team has been joined by additional bioscience and geoscience investigators and software developers to expand on the team's extensive experience in community building, software development, and distributed system architecture.

**Aufdenkampe** (SWRC, lead-PI) is an aquatic geochemist who is co-leading the Christina River Basin CZO and leading the CZOData project. He will oversee overall project coordination, including mentorship of the **post-doctoral project coordinator**, and will be responsible for Objective 1 community engagement and broader impacts. **Mayorga** (UW-APL, co-PI) is a biogeochemical modeler, cyber-scientist and co-developer for the NANOOS Visualization System. He will oversee Objective 2 BiG CZ Portal and Objective 3 BiG CZ Toolbox software development. **Zaslavsky** (SDSC, PI) is a cyber-scientist and co-developer of the CUAHSI Hydrological Information System (HIS) cyber-infrastructure. He will oversee Objective 4 BiG CZ Central software development. These three together will form the project's executive team.

**Objective 1 team**. Aufdenkampe will lead, including a small team of technical and data management staff for SWRC and the CRB-CZO who will test each software release. **Packman** (NU), a hydrologist, and **Aronson** (UCR), a microbiologist, will co-chair the CZ Community Advisory Board. Packman will lead the CZ Science Synthesis Institute. **Gill** (SWRC Director of Education), a soil scientist, will engage resource managers, citizen science NGOs and secondary school educators throughout the project by inviting key representatives to co-design workshops and by organizing a workshop at the end of year 3.

**Objective 2 Team**. Mayorga will lead, including a team of developers at UW-APL. **Cheetham** is founder and CEO of Azavea, Inc., a systems design and software development firm specializing in web and mobile software that combine geospatial technology, engaging user interfaces and high performance computing. As lead developer for the GeoTrellis geoprocessing engine, he and the Azavea team will work closely with the UW-APL team to develop the core high-performance web visualization framework. **Versteeg** (Subsurface Insights) is a geophysicist and cyber-developer who will integrate the Vislt 3D and 4D visualization package into the BiG CZ Portal web app. **Lehnert** (Columbia) is a marine geologist and lead for the Integrated Earth Data Applications (IEDA) facility. She and her team will integrate a suite of data publication/registration forms into the BiG CZ Portal web app.

**Objective 3 Team**. Mayorga will lead, including a team of developers at UW-APL. **Horsburgh** (USU) is a hydrologist, the developer of ODM 1.1 database and tools, and the PI of the ODM2 project. He and his team will work closely with the UW-APL team to develop the BiG CZ Toolbox. Versteeg will provide guidance with the integration of the Vislt Python API into the BiG CZ Toolbox.

**Objective 4 Team**. Zaslavsky will lead. **Valentine** (SDSC) is a developer for CUAHSI HIS and many other projects, using the Microsoft DotNet platform, Python, OData, and various web services, and experience with tuning geospatial databases and digital library systems and metadata. **Richard** (AZGS) and his team (R. Clark, G. Chen) developed the Geoscience

Information Network (USGIN) (Award #0753154) and the National Geothermal Data System 'node-in-a-box' stack (Clark et al., 2013). They have experience with Django, Python, Node.js, Javascript, and a variety of other FOSS components. **Berg-Cross** (SOCoP) brings expertise in metadata integrating and vocabulary mapping. Together, Zaslavsky, Valentine, Richard and Berg-Cross will develop the BiG CZ Central software stack. **Meyer** (ANL) and **Henry** (UC) serve as the Microbial Communities and the Microbial Science team leads for the US DOE's Systems Biology Knowledgebase (KBase). They will work with the Obj. 4 team to implement or expose features within KBase to enable cross-domain interoperability with BiG CZ Central.

In addition, we have four collaborative project contributors, who are not directly funded under this proposal but have all committed time, effort or resources. See supplementary Letters of Commitment. These include: **Greg Wilson** (Software Carpentry), who will assist with our four Training and Testing "BootCamp" workshops by following Software Carpentry's well-established training approach (http://software-carpentry.org/bootcamps/); **Ruth Duerr** (National Snow and Ice Data Center, NSIDC), who will participate in the BiG CZ Advisory Board and attend co-design workshops to add in our integration of NASA remote sensing data; **Dharhas Pothina** (Texas Water Development Board), who is the leaf for the "Water One Flow in Python" (WOFpy) project and will assist in co-developing a web service package for our BiG CZ Toolbox; and **Susan Hubbard** (Lawrence Berkeley National Lab), who will collaborate with us on integrating the Vislt 3D visualization software into BiG CZ Portal.

#### S3.2. Cross-disciplinary and cross-institutional project management

The project's Executive Team (Aufdenkampe, Mayorga and Zaslavsky) will jointly oversee the coordination of tasks across partner institutions, within each of the four Objectives. The Executive Team will meet via telephone or webex at least once a month, and will be joined by at these meetings by most other project members. Overall governance and guidance for the project will be provided by the CZ Community Advisory Board (CZCAB), which will advise on feature development priorities, provide feedback on releases, recruit workshop participants and promote the BiG CZ software system. CZCAB membership will be composed of project team members Aufdenkampe, Packman and Aaronson, and additional CZ scientists to be drawn from the larger CZ community, the CZO Network community, and EarthCube CZO workshop (Jan. 2013) attendees.

The CZCAB will provide formal project guidance, review and recommendations once a year. Project management and coordination mechanisms will be established at an initial co-design kickoff workshop within the first six months, and in preceding regular communication among all project members, led by the executive team.

#### S3.3. Communication and coordination mechanisms

Excellent communication is a critical feature of any large collaborative effort, and our project leadership team has extensive experience with collaborative, multidisciplinary research involving large groups spread out over several campuses and in particular working together on the currently NSF-funded CZOData, ODM2, and CZ-EarthCube projects. Presently this core team has weekly WebEx video conferencing meetings, developing agendas, minutes and tasks lists collaboratively in Google Docs. In addition, we have recently started using Asana collaborative task management software (http://asana.com/) to further enhance these

communications. We will continue such practices as our group expands for the BiG CZ SSI project. However, because our group will more than double in size, we have budgeted for a post-doctoral level project coordinator, to assist in project management.

In addition to weekly web conferences, we will take advantage of the seven planned workshops for face to face interactions, with the first co-design workshop specifically designated for project team idea-sharing and communications.

Prioritization of functionality and system architecture choices resulting from the initial codesign workshops will be stored and maintained in a project backlog on Asana, to identify and assign tasks and status. Software development will be based on the use cases generated at these workshops.

The project team will use an 'Agile' project-management and software-development methodologies to accelerate the design and development process, effectively share knowledge among team members, discover impediments early, and result in a well-tested and high-quality software system. This includes selective pair programming, test-driven development and frequent iterations. We will use the GitHub platform's project communication tools such as project wiki, issue tracking system and version/source control. We will also utilize the Scrum project management process. Under Scrum, the project team organizes the work into 30-day 'sprints'. At the beginning of each sprint, the entire team reviews completed features and tasks are prioritized and assigned to team members. Our experience with the Scrum process has demonstrated that it improves alignment of project goals with development work, identifies blind alleys earlier, enables work to be quickly adapted to changing conditions and results in a cohesive team that feels responsible for delivering a high-quality product. All 30-day sprints will be organized within three larger, 3-month long major development sprints organized throughout the life of the project.

In addition to unit tests of the code we will utilize approval test strategies to allow for domain scientists to approve information transformations. BiG CZ software system users will also have ongoing opportunities to provide input via the user review and training workshops, the CZ Science Synthesis Institute, the Citizen-science & Resource Manager workshop, and demonstrations and workshops on the BiG CZ system at professional meetings and other targets of opportunity to engage the community and solicit feedback.

#### S3.4. Budget Support for Project Management and Coordination

The post-doctoral project coordinator is budgeted by SWRC, as are all participant support costs for invitees. Travel to annual project meetings and workshops by team members is budgeted under their respective travel budgets, along with travel for relevant scientific and cyberinfrastructure conferences and workshop in support of the project's training needs and outreach goals. The costs of hardware acquisitions and cloud deployments for production and development environments are listed in the budget justification documents for SDSC, UW-APL and Azavea.