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- New airborne lidar data reveal >200 lateral offsets on eastern Hope fault
- Statistical analysis of offsets reveals a rich record of paleoearthquake slips
- Large paleoearthquakes on eastern Hope fault recur by multiples of about 4 m

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EARTHQUAKE SLIP RECORD IN LIDAR DATA

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Recovering paleoearthquake slip record in a highly dynamic alluvial and tectonic region (Hope Fault, New Zealand) from airborne lidar

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Abstract Knowing the slip amplitudes that large earthquakes produced in prehistorical times is one key to anticipate the magnitude of large forthcoming events. It is long known that the morphology is preserving remnants of paleoearthquake slips in the form of fault-offset landforms. However, the measured offsets that can be attributed to the most recent paleoearthquakes are generally few along a fault, so that they rarely allow recovering the slip distributions and largest slips of these earthquakes. We acquired ~1 m resolution airborne lidar data on a 30 km stretch of a fast-slipping strike-slip fault (eastern Hope Fault, New Zealand) located in a region of high alluvial dynamics where landforms are rapidly evolving. Data analysis reveals >200 offset landforms; only 30% allow a good to moderate quality offset measurement. From these good to moderate quality measures, we recover the slip-length distributions and largest slips of the four most recent large paleoearthquakes and find evidence of 4–6 prior events. The record suggests that large earthquake slip occurred in multiples of about 4 m along the 30 km stretch. Although they have larger uncertainties, the more numerous lower-quality offsets that we also measured reveal a similar earthquake slip record. This shows that, although offset landforms are partly degraded in dynamically active landscapes, they store valuable information on paleoearthquake slips. This information might be recovered provided that the morphology is analyzed at high resolution and “continuously” over a significant fault length. Remote lidar data are powerful to perform such analyses.

1. Introduction

Seismic hazard assessment requires properly anticipating the principal characteristics of the forthcoming large earthquakes, especially their expected magnitude or maximum coseismic slip and their recurrence time. One approach to estimate the awaited slip quantities of a forthcoming seismic event on a fault is to analyze the large earthquakes that broke the fault in the prehistorical time (i.e., paleoearthquakes) and to search whether the displacements they produced at the ground surface are still preserved and measurable in the morphology (e.g., Peltzer et al., 1988; Yeats and Prentice, 1996; McCalpin, 1996, 2009; Tapponnier et al., 2001; Gold and Cowgill, 2011; Li et al., 2012; Ziehe et al., 2012; Schärer et al., 2014). This is not an easy task however, for several reasons (e.g., McCalpin, 2009; Schärer et al., 2014). Commonly, the landforms that best act as strain markers and strain recorders, especially along strike-slip faults, are fluvial and alluvial landforms (e.g., Wallace, 1968; Sieh, 1978; Gaudemer et al., 1989; McGill and Sieh, 1991; McCalpin, 1996, 2009; Arowsmith and Ziehe, 2009; Ziehe et al., 2010, 2012). A first prerequisite is thus that these specific landforms exist along the fault under study. Second, to discriminate the successive large earthquake slip that occurred on a fault, one needs to be sure that the geomorphic markers that recorded these slips formed more frequently than the surface-rupturing paleoearthquakes (e.g., McCalpin, 1996, 2009; Ziehe et al., 2012; Salsburg et al., 2012). Third, the original pattern of the geomorphic markers might be modified subsequent to their fault offset as the alluvial (i.e., erosion, incision, sedimentation, modification of the drainage network) and the tectonic (i.e., repeated fault slips, diffuse deformation around the fault) processes are going on (e.g., McCalpin, 1996, 2009; Quin, 2005; Klingner et al., 2011; Burbank and Anderson, 2011; Ziehe et al., 2012), thereby providing an altered record of the past fault slips. Fourth, because earthquake slip markedly varies along a rupture length (e.g., Manighetti et al., 2005; Biasi and Weldon, 2006; Hecker et al., 2013; Nissen et al., 2014), paleoearthquake slips that are measured locally might be different

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